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AMERICA'S SECRET POLICE METWORK

In today's society blackmail has replaced physical force as the currency of political power brokerage. J. Edgar Hoover knew that power lies between the manila covers of a personal dossier, and he used that knowledge to build and maintain his empire for almost half a century. The FBI, the CIA, and virtually every other agency given the authority to spy to defend us from foreign or domestic enemies have sooner or later gone off the reservation and used their power to steal our liberties.

In contrast to the CIA and the FBI, the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit is a little-known organization; in fact, almost no one has ever heard of it. But its power is considerable, and its potential threat to our freedom is enormous.

The LEIU links the intelligence squads of almost every major police force in the United States and Canada. Although its members are sworn police officers who work for state and city governments, it is a private club, not answerable to voters, taxpayers, or elected officials. It cuts across the vertical lines of authority of local government, for its members hold certain allegiances to the group that cannot